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Ms. MaryAnn Wright
Acting Director
Utah Division of Oil Gas and Mining

Re: Revised Mining and Reclamation Plan, Topaz Mining Properties, Juab County, Utah

Dear Mary Ann:

Enclosed are two copies of Brush Resources Inc.'s (BRI) Revised Mining and Reclamation Plan (MRP) for its western Juab County mining operations. The MRP consists of two volumes: Volume 1 is comprised of the MRP text and appendices, and Volume 2 contains folded maps and illustrations.

As you may be aware, BRI has carried out a thorough evaluation of the mine's beryllium ore reserves and resources that included detailed three-dimensional computer modeling of the various ore bodies, metallurgical characterization of each ore body, and beryllium grade and economic evaluations. This multi-year effort was conducted in parallel with refinements in process metallurgy at BRI's mill near Lynndyl, Utah. One of the principal outcomes of this combined evaluation has been the determination of the need for greater flexibility in the characteristics of ore delivered to the mill. To accommodate this needed flexibility, BRI has determined that multiple pits with differing beryllium grade, mining economics, and accessory element concentrations must be developed and mined concurrently. The former mining approach, operating one high-grade and one low-grade pit simultaneously and blending mill feed based on beryllium grade alone, is no longer the most effective approach to ore production. The revised MRP reflects these fundamental changes in mine planning as well as the expanded ore reserves that have been identified through additional development drilling over the years.

BRI proposes to conduct a multi-phase open pit mining operation over many decades at its Topaz Mining properties, all of which will occur on fee surface land owned by BRI, with mineral production royalty interests held by the Utah Trust Lands Administration. Each phase will involve production from multiple pits and individual pits will remain open across multiple phases, as dictated by the need to meet the more specific ore-characteristic requirements of the mill. One of the results of this changed approach will be increased surface disturbance from waste rock disposal and less pit backfilling than had been proposed in earlier versions of the MRP. In addition, waste rock dumps have been designed to blend visually with surrounding terrain and minimize disturbance area by creating canyon fills where waste rock depth can be maximized while visual impacts and outslope perimeter lengths are minimized.

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We look forward to the Division's timely review of the revised MRP and are prepared to support that review in any way necessary. Please contact either Mr. John Wagner, Mine Supervisor, at 435.864.2005 or Mr. Robert Bayer with JBR Environmental Consultants with any questions you may have regarding the specific information provided in the attached MRP.

Sincerely,



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